

# Displacement Logic for Grammar

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Lecture 1

From Lambek Calculus to Displacement Calculus:  
Natural Deduction

# The challenge

A/the main challenge of natural grammar: syntax/semantics mismatch or *displacement*.

E.g. overt 'movement' such as relativisation:

- (1) a. (the book) that<sub>i</sub> Mary reads e<sub>i</sub>  
 $\lambda y \lambda z [(y z) \wedge ((read z) m)]$   
b. the book that<sub>i</sub> John gave e<sub>i</sub> to Mary  
 $\lambda y \lambda z [(y z) \wedge (((give z) m) j)]$

and covert 'movement' such as quantification:

- (2) a. Mary reads every book  
 $\forall z [(book z) \rightarrow ((read z) m)]$   
b. John gave every book to Mary  
 $\forall z [(book z) \rightarrow (((give z) m) j)]$

As we shall see now, the Lambek calculus **L** of Lambek (1958[1]) can handle the (peripheral) a. cases, but the (medial) b. cases require something like the displacement calculus **D** of Morrill, Valentín and Fadda (2011[2]).

# Lambek Calculus **L** (with product unit)

Types:

$$\begin{array}{lll} \mathcal{F} ::= \mathcal{F} \setminus \mathcal{F} & T(A \setminus C) = T(A) \rightarrow T(C) & \text{under} \\ \mathcal{F} ::= \mathcal{F} / \mathcal{F} & T(C / B) = T(B) \rightarrow T(C) & \text{over} \\ \mathcal{F} ::= \mathcal{F} \bullet \mathcal{F} & T(A \bullet B) = T(A) \& T(B) & \text{product} \\ \mathcal{F} ::= I & T(I) = \top & \text{product unit} \end{array}$$

Approximate algebraic interpretation as subsets of the monoid  $(L, +, 0)$  of strings over an alphabet:

$$\begin{aligned} [[A \setminus C]] &= \{s_2 \mid \forall s_1 \in [[A]], s_1 + s_2 \in [[C]]\} \\ [[C / B]] &= \{s_1 \mid \forall s_2 \in [[B]], s_1 + s_2 \in [[C]]\} \\ [[A \bullet B]] &= \{s_1 + s_2 \mid s_1 \in [[A]] \text{ and } s_2 \in [[B]]\} \\ [[I]] &= \{0\} \end{aligned}$$

# Natural Deduction for $\mathbf{L}$

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \alpha: \mathbf{A}: \phi \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \beta: \mathbf{A} \setminus \mathbf{C}: \psi \end{array}}{\alpha + \beta: \mathbf{C}: (\psi \phi)} E \setminus$$

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \overline{\quad}^i \\ a: \mathbf{A}: x \\ \vdots \\ a + \beta: \mathbf{C}: \psi \end{array}}{\beta: \mathbf{A} \setminus \mathbf{C}: \lambda x \psi} \Lambda^i$$

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \alpha: \mathbf{C} / \mathbf{B}: \phi \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \beta: \mathbf{B}: \psi \end{array}}{\alpha + \beta: \mathbf{C}: (\phi \psi)} E /$$

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \overline{\quad}^i \\ b: \mathbf{B}: y \\ \vdots \\ \alpha + b: \mathbf{C}: \psi \end{array}}{\alpha: \mathbf{C} / \mathbf{B}: \lambda x \psi} I^i$$

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \gamma: \mathbf{A} \bullet \mathbf{B}: \chi \end{array} \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{\quad}{a: \mathbf{A}: x} \quad i \quad \frac{\quad}{b: \mathbf{B}: y} \quad i}{\delta(a+b): \mathbf{D}: \omega} \quad \vdots}{\delta(\gamma): \mathbf{D}: \omega\{\pi_1 \chi/x, \pi_2 \chi/y\}} \quad E \bullet^i$$

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \alpha: \mathbf{A}: \phi \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \beta: \mathbf{B}: \psi \end{array}}{\alpha + \beta: \mathbf{A} \bullet \mathbf{B}: (\phi, \psi)} \quad I \bullet$$

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \alpha: \mathbf{A}: \phi \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \beta: \mathbf{I}: \psi \end{array}}{\alpha: \mathbf{A}: \phi} \quad EI \quad \frac{\quad}{0: \mathbf{I}: 0} \quad II$$

## Example: *Mary reads the book* in **L**

$$\frac{\text{Mary: } N: m \quad \frac{\text{reads: } (N \setminus S) / N: \text{read} \quad \frac{\text{the: } N / CN: \iota \quad \text{book: } CN: \text{book}}{\text{the+book: } N: (\iota \text{ book})} E/}{\text{reads+the+book: } N \setminus S: (\text{read } (\iota \text{ book}))} E/}{\text{Mary+reads+the+book: } S: ((\text{read } (\iota \text{ book})) m)} E \setminus$$

# Example: *John gave the book to Mary* in **L**

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathbf{gives:} & \mathbf{the+book:} & \\
 ((N \setminus S) / PP) / N: & N: & \mathbf{to:} \quad \mathbf{Mary:} \\
 give & (\iota \text{ book}) & PP / N: \quad N: \\
 & & \lambda x x \quad m
 \end{array} \\
 \hline
 \mathbf{John:} \quad \mathbf{gives+the+book:} (N \setminus S) / PP: (give (\iota \text{ book})) & \mathbf{to+Mary:} PP: m \\
 N: & \\
 j & \\
 \hline
 \mathbf{gives+the+book+to+Mary:} N \setminus S: (((give (\iota \text{ book})) m) j) \\
 \hline
 \mathbf{John+gives+the+book+to+Mary:} S: (((give (\iota \text{ book})) m) j)
 \end{array}$$



# Overt movement: *(the book) that Mary reads* in **L**

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{that:} \\
 (CN \setminus CN) / (S/N): \\
 \lambda x \lambda y \lambda z [(y z) \wedge (x z)]
 \end{array}
 \frac{
 \begin{array}{c}
 \text{Mary:} \\
 N: \\
 m
 \end{array}
 \frac{
 \begin{array}{c}
 \text{reads:} \\
 (N \setminus S) / N: \\
 \text{read}
 \end{array}
 \frac{
 \begin{array}{c}
 \text{--- } i \\
 b: \\
 N: \\
 y
 \end{array}
 }{
 \text{reads} + b: N \setminus S: (read y)
 } E/
 }{
 \text{Mary} + \text{reads} + b: S: ((read y) m)
 } E \setminus
 }{
 \text{Mary} + \text{reads}: S/N: \lambda y ((read y) m)
 } I/i
 }{
 \text{that} + \text{Mary} + \text{reads}: S: \lambda y \lambda z [(y z) \wedge ((read z) m)]
 } E/$$

But medial overt movement:

*(the book) that John gave to Mary in L*

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{gave:} \quad b: \\
 ((N \setminus S) / PP) / N: \quad N: \\
 \text{give} \quad y \quad \text{to+Mary:} \\
 \text{John:} \quad \frac{\text{gave}+b:(N \setminus S) / PP: (give y)}{N:} \quad \frac{PP:}{m} \quad E/ \\
 j \quad \frac{\text{gave}+b+\text{to+Mary: } N \setminus S: ((give y) b)}{E \setminus} \\
 \hline
 \text{John+gave}+b+\text{to+Mary: } S: (((give y) b) j) \quad *I/
 \end{array}$$

# Covert movement: *Mary reads every book in L*

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{Mary+reads:} \\
 S/N: \\
 \lambda y((read\ y)\ m)
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{c}
 \text{every:} \\
 ((S/N)\ S)/CN \\
 \lambda x\lambda y\forall z[(x\ z) \rightarrow (y\ z)]
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{c}
 \text{book:} \\
 CN: \\
 book
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{c}
 E/ \\
 E\
 \end{array}$$


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$$\text{Mary+reads+every+book: } S: \forall z[(book\ z) \rightarrow ((read\ z)\ m)]$$

But medial covert movement:

*John gave every book to Mary* in **L**

**(John) gave every+book: (S/N)\S to+Mary: PP**  

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# Displacement Calculus (D)

*Discontinuous strings*  $s$  are strings over an alphabet with a distinguished symbol 1 called the *separator*.

The *sort*  $\sigma(s)$  of a discontinuous string  $s$  is the number of separators it contains.

We define the sets  $L_i$  of discontinuous strings of sort  $i$  by:

$$L_i = \{s \mid \sigma(s) = i\}$$

The continuous strings are  $L_0$ .

## Operations on discontinuous strings

We consider the operations concatenation and intercalation on discontinuous strings. Concatenation is represented in (3).

$$(3) \quad \boxed{\alpha} + \boxed{\beta} = \boxed{\alpha \mid \beta}$$

concatenation  $+ : L_i, L_j \rightarrow L_{i+j}$

For example, the concatenation of **Leslie+1+Sandy** and **and+Robin+Bill** is:

$$(4) \quad \mathbf{Leslie+1+Sandy} + \mathbf{and+Robin+Bill} = \mathbf{Leslie+1+Sandy+and+Robin+Bill}$$

Intercalation is represented in (5):

$$(5) \quad \boxed{\alpha \mid 1 \mid \gamma} \times_k \boxed{\beta} = \boxed{\alpha \mid \beta \mid \gamma}$$

intercalation  $\times_k : L_{i+1}, L_j \rightarrow L_{i+j}$

For example, the intercalation at the second separator of  $1 + \mathbf{dogs} + 1 + \mathbf{Whiskas} + \mathbf{and} + \mathbf{cats} + \mathbf{Alpo}$  and  $\mathbf{like}$  is:

$$(6) \quad 1 + \mathbf{dogs} + 1 + \mathbf{Whiskas} + \mathbf{and} + \mathbf{cats} + \mathbf{Alpo} \times_2 \mathbf{like} = 1 + \mathbf{dogs} + \mathbf{like} + \mathbf{Whiskas} + \mathbf{and} + \mathbf{cats} + \mathbf{Alpo}$$

## Sorted types:

$$\mathcal{F}_j ::= \mathcal{F}_i \setminus \mathcal{F}_{i+j}$$

$$\mathcal{F}_i ::= \mathcal{F}_{i+j} / \mathcal{F}_j$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{i+j} ::= \mathcal{F}_i \bullet \mathcal{F}_j$$

$$\mathcal{F}_0 ::= I$$

$$T(A \setminus C) = T(A) \rightarrow T(C)$$

$$T(C / B) = T(B) \rightarrow T(C)$$

$$T(A \bullet B) = T(A) \& T(B)$$

$$T(I) = \top$$

under

over

product

product unit

$$\mathcal{F}_j ::= \mathcal{F}_{i+1} \downarrow_k \mathcal{F}_{i+j}$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{i+1} ::= \mathcal{F}_{i+j} \uparrow_k \mathcal{F}_j$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{i+j} ::= \mathcal{F}_{i+1} \odot_k \mathcal{F}_j$$

$$\mathcal{F}_1 ::= J$$

$$T(A \downarrow_k C) = T(A) \rightarrow T(C)$$

$$T(C \uparrow_k B) = T(B) \rightarrow T(C)$$

$$T(A \odot_k B) = T(A) \& T(B)$$

$$T(J) = \top$$

infix

extract

disc. product

disc. product unit



# Sort map

$$s(I) = 0$$

$$s(A \bullet B) = s(A) + s(B)$$

$$s(C/B) = s(C) - s(B)$$

$$s(A \setminus C) = s(C) - s(A)$$

$$s(J) = 1$$

$$s(A \odot_k B) = s(A) + s(B) - 1$$

$$s(C \uparrow_k B) = 1 + s(C) - s(B)$$

$$s(A \downarrow_k C) = 1 + s(C) - s(A)$$

Approximate algebraic interpretation as *sort consistent* subsets of the displacement algebra  $(\{L_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}, +, \{X_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}, 0, 1)$  of discontinuous strings over an alphabet:

$$[[A \setminus C]] = \{s_2 \mid \forall s_1 \in [[A]], s_1 + s_2 \in [[C]]\}$$

$$[[C/B]] = \{s_1 \mid \forall s_2 \in [[B]], s_1 + s_2 \in [[C]]\}$$

$$[[A \bullet B]] = \{s_1 + s_2 \mid s_1 \in [[A]] \text{ and } s_2 \in [[B]]\}$$

$$[[I]] = \{0\}$$

$$[[A \downarrow_k C]] = \{s_2 \mid \forall s_1 \in [[A]], s_1 X_k s_2 \in [[C]]\}$$

$$[[C \uparrow_k B]] = \{s_1 \mid \forall s_2 \in [[B]], s_1 X_k s_2 \in [[C]]\}$$

$$[[A \odot_k B]] = \{s_1 X_k s_2 \mid s_1 \in [[A]] \text{ and } s_2 \in [[B]]\}$$

$$[[J]] = \{1\}$$

# Natural Deduction for **D**: Continuous connectives (same as **L**)

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \alpha: \mathbf{A}: \phi \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \beta: \mathbf{A} \setminus \mathbf{C}: \psi \end{array}}{\alpha + \beta: \mathbf{C}: (\psi \phi)} E \setminus$$

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ a: \mathbf{A}: x \\ \vdots \\ a + \beta: \mathbf{C}: \psi \end{array}}{\beta: \mathbf{A} \setminus \mathbf{C}: \lambda x \psi} \wedge^i$$

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \alpha: \mathbf{C} / \mathbf{B}: \phi \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \beta: \mathbf{B}: \psi \end{array}}{\alpha + \beta: \mathbf{C}: (\phi \psi)} E /$$

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ b: \mathbf{B}: y \\ \vdots \\ \alpha + b: \mathbf{C}: \psi \end{array}}{\alpha: \mathbf{C} / \mathbf{B}: \lambda x \psi} I /^i$$

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \gamma: \mathbf{A} \bullet \mathbf{B}: \chi \end{array} \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{\quad}{a: \mathbf{A}: x} \quad i}{\quad} \quad \frac{\frac{\quad}{b: \mathbf{B}: y} \quad i}{\quad}}{\delta(a+b): \mathbf{D}: \omega} \quad \vdots}{\delta(\gamma): \mathbf{D}: \omega\{\pi_1 \chi/x, \pi_2 \chi/y\}} \quad \mathbf{E} \bullet i$$

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \alpha: \mathbf{A}: \phi \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \beta: \mathbf{B}: \psi \end{array}}{\alpha + \beta: \mathbf{A} \bullet \mathbf{B}: (\phi, \psi)} \quad \mathbf{I} \bullet$$

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \alpha: \mathbf{A}: \phi \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \beta: \mathbf{I}: \psi \end{array}}{\alpha: \mathbf{A}: \phi} \quad \mathbf{EI} \quad \frac{\quad}{0: \mathbf{I}: 0} \quad \mathbf{II}$$

# Natural Deduction for **D**: Discontinuous connectives (same as **L** also!, except with $\times_k$ )

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \alpha: \mathbf{A}: \phi \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \beta: \mathbf{A} \downarrow_k \mathbf{C}: \psi \end{array}}{\alpha \times_k \beta: \mathbf{C}: (\psi \phi)} E \downarrow_k$$

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \text{---} i \\ a: \mathbf{A}: x \\ \vdots \\ a \times_k \beta: \mathbf{C}: \psi \end{array}}{\beta: \mathbf{A} \downarrow_k \mathbf{C}: \lambda x \psi} I \downarrow_k^i$$

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \alpha: \mathbf{C} \uparrow_k \mathbf{B}: \phi \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \beta: \mathbf{B}: \psi \end{array}}{\alpha \times_k \beta: \mathbf{C}: (\phi \psi)} E \uparrow_k$$

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \text{---} i \\ b: \mathbf{B}: y \\ \vdots \\ \alpha \times_k b: \mathbf{C}: \psi \end{array}}{\alpha: \mathbf{C} \uparrow_k \mathbf{B}: \lambda x \psi} I \uparrow_k^i$$

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \gamma: \mathbf{A} \odot_k \mathbf{B}: \chi \end{array} \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{\vdots}{a: \mathbf{A}: x} \quad i}{\vdots} \quad \frac{\frac{\vdots}{b: \mathbf{B}: y} \quad i}{\vdots}}{\delta(a \times_k b): \mathbf{D}: \omega} \quad E_{\odot_k}^i}{\delta(\gamma): \mathbf{D}: \omega\{\pi_1 \chi/x, \pi_2 \chi/y\}}$$

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \alpha: \mathbf{A}: \phi \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \beta: \mathbf{B}: \psi \end{array}}{\alpha \times_k \beta: \mathbf{A} \odot_k \mathbf{B}: (\phi, \psi)} \quad I_{\odot_k}$$

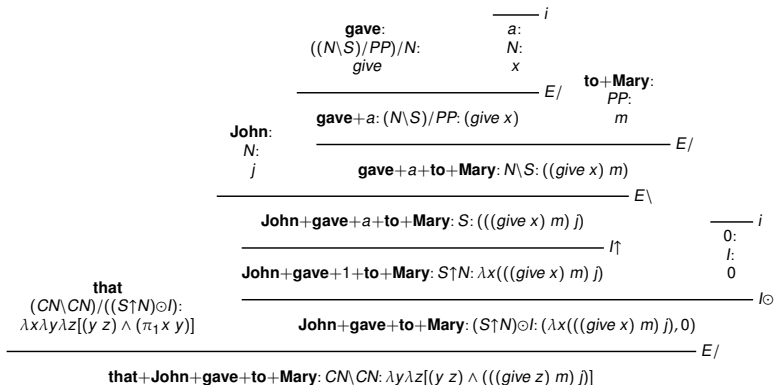
$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \alpha: \mathbf{A}: \phi \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \beta: \mathbf{J}: \psi \end{array}}{\alpha: \mathbf{A}: \phi} \quad EJ \quad \frac{\quad}{1: I: 0} \quad IJ$$

# Overt movement: *(the book) that Mary reads in D*

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{Mary:} \quad \text{reads:} \quad \text{a:} \quad \text{--- } i \\
 (N \setminus S) / N: \quad \text{read} \quad N: \\
 N: \quad \text{--- } E / \\
 m \quad \text{reads} + a: N \setminus S: (\text{read } x) \\
 \text{--- } E \setminus \\
 \text{Mary} + \text{reads} + a: S: ((\text{read } x) m) \quad \text{--- } II \\
 \text{--- } I \uparrow^i \quad \text{0:} \\
 \text{Mary} + \text{reads} + 1: S \uparrow N: \lambda x((\text{read } x) m) \quad \text{I:} \\
 \text{--- } I \odot \quad \text{0} \\
 \text{that} \quad \text{--- } E / \\
 (CM \setminus CN) / ((S \uparrow N) \odot I): \quad \text{Mary} + \text{reads}: (S \uparrow N) \odot I: (\lambda x((\text{read } x) m), 0) \\
 \lambda x \lambda y \lambda z [(y z) \wedge (\pi_1 x y)] \quad \text{--- } E / \\
 \text{that} + \text{Mary} + \text{reads}: CM \setminus CN: \lambda y \lambda z [(y z) \wedge ((\text{read } z) m)]
 \end{array}$$

# Medial Overt movement:

*(the book) that John gave to Mary in D*





## Covert movement: *Mary reads every book in D*

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{Mary+reads+1:} \\
 S \uparrow N: \\
 \lambda x((\text{read } x) m)
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{c}
 \text{every:} \\
 ((S \uparrow N) \downarrow S) / CN: \\
 \lambda x \lambda y \forall z [(x z) \rightarrow (y z)]
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{c}
 \text{book:} \\
 CN: \\
 \text{book}
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{c}
 \text{every+book: } (S \uparrow N) \downarrow S: \lambda y \forall z [(book z) \rightarrow (y z)]
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{c}
 E/ \\
 E \downarrow
 \end{array}$$


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$$\text{Mary+reads+every+book: } S: \forall z [(book z) \rightarrow (((\text{read } z) m))]$$

## Medial covert movement:

*John gave every book to Mary* in **D**

**John+gave+1+to+Mary:**

$S \uparrow N$ :

$\lambda x(((give\ x)\ m)\ j)$

**every+book:**

$(S \uparrow N) \downarrow S$ :

$\lambda y \forall z[(book\ z) \rightarrow (y\ z)]$

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**John+gave+every+book+to+Mary:**  $S: \forall z[(book\ z) \rightarrow (((give\ z)\ m)\ j)]$

$E \downarrow$

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